

Remarks

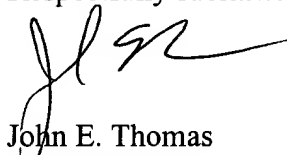
The present claims are claims 18-20 and 23. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The present amendments obviate this rejection. Specifically, claim 23 as amended defines that residues of the polishing agent are removed from the lens while the lens is hydrated in an aqueous bath, and clarifies that this operation is subsequent to the polishing operation. Further, claim 23 as amended clarifies that the polishing agent is applied to the polishing pad (whereas no solvent or liquid suspension is applied to the pad). Support for these amendments can be found at page 8.

Claims 18-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over various claims of US Patent No. 5,931,068. Submitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer, thus obviating this rejection.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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